

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending. Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-51. Claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 18, 21, 26, 29, 34, 36, 40-41 and 44 are objected to because of various informalities and are amended herein. Regarding claim 14, the Examiner suggested that the claim should be dependant on claim 11 rather than claim 13 because it conflicts with the limitations present in claim 13.

The Examiner's objections are noted and all of the suggested amendments have been made. The equations are all much larger and the relative size of subscripts has been increased in the complex equations. We are submitting this amendment by mail, instead of fax, to provide the clearest version possible. Where our only change has been in formatting, not in the text of a claim, we have not indicated that it is amended, because a change in type size is not an amendment, in patent law.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and thereby solicit acceptance of the claims, in light of these amendments.

In the interest of efficient prosecution and prompt allowance, a telephonic interview is invited, if an Examiner's amendment can be made to overcome any remaining technical issues regarding the wording of these claims. The undersigned can ordinarily be reached at his office at (650) 712-0340 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. PST, Monday through Friday, and can be reached at his cell phone at (415) 902-6112 most other times.

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